

Whip Review Committee Decisions 05 November 2024:

On Tuesday 05 November 2024 the Whip Review Committee convened to consider potential breaches of Rule (F)45 following referrals from the racecourse Stewards and their own independent review of races for races run from 31 October – 03 November 2024, inclusive. A summary of their findings is outlined below.

Southwell 31 October 2024:

Race 2 - The Weekly Free Bets With BetMGM Extra Restricted Novice Stakes (Horses In Bands C & D) (GBB) (Div I) (Class 5)

Rowan Scott, the rider of MINELONE (IRE), placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from turning in. Taking into account that this was to be Scott's fourth suspension within the previous 6 months for using his whip above the permitted level, Scott was referred to the Judicial Panel.

Chelmsford City 31 October 2024:

Race 7 - The Fireworks Spectacular Handicap (Class 6).

Joey Haynes, the rider of the winner, WAR ZONE (IRE), was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from approximately one and half furlongs out. Allowing for the fact that Haynes has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. Therefore, he will be suspended for 2 days: Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 November 2024.

Uttoxeter 01 November 2024:

Race 2 - The Roy Couchman Memorial Mares' Maiden Hurdle (Herring Queen Series Qualifier) (GBB Race) (Div I) (Class 4)

Tom Bellamy, the rider of the winner, WALKADINA (FR), was found to have used his whip when his mount was clearly winning. Allowing for the fact that Bellamy has had over 150 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days as follows; Wednesday 13 and Tuesday 19 November 2024.

Newcastle 01 November 2024:

Race 2 - The Gamble Responsibly At BetMGM Nursery Handicap (Class 6)

Tom Eaves, the rider of BLUE LAKOTA (IRE), placed second, was found to have used his whip down the shoulder in the forehand position with his hands off the reins inside the final furlong. Allowing for the fact that Eaves has had over 200 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 2 days as follows: Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 November 2024.

Race 9 - The Win £1M With BetMGM's Golden Goals Handicap (Class 6)

Ryan Kavanagh, the rider of the winner JUST TYPICAL, was found to have used his whip in the incorrect place on the run to the line. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 19 – Friday 22 November 2024, inclusive.

Ayr 02 November 2024:

Race 2 - The Lightways Contractors Ltd Handicap Chase (Go North Monet's Garden Series Qualifier) (Class 5)

Henry Brooke, the rider of the winner, PATS DREAM (IRE), was found to have used his whip three times above the permitted level of seven from after the third last fence. He will be suspended for 10 days from Tuesday 19 – Thursday 28 November 2024, inclusive.

Wetherby 02 November 2024:

Race 5 - The bet365 Charlie Hall Chase (Grade 2) (GBB Race) (Class 1)

Rex Dingle, the rider of SAM BROWN, placed third, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of seven from jumping the third last hurdle. Taking into account that Dingle has had over 150 rides in Great Britain since a previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied, however taking into account that this was a Class 1 contest the penalty in respect of the above permitted level was then doubled. Therefore, he will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 19 – Friday 22 November 2024, inclusive.

Southwell 02 November 2024:

Race 3 - The Boost Your Acca At BetMGM Handicap (Div I) (Class 6)

John Egan, the rider of MOLLY VALENTINE (IRE), placed fourth, was found to have used his whip once above the permitted level of six from turning in. Allowing for the fact that Egan has had over 100 rides in Great Britain since his previous whip breach, mitigation on penalty was applied. He will be suspended for 3 days from Tuesday 19 – Thursday 21 November 2024, inclusive.

Carlisle 03 November 2024:

Race 4 - The Stephex Trucks UK Castletown Handicap Hurdle (GBB Race) (Class 2)

Harry Skelton, the rider of PUNTA DEL ESTE (FR), placed third, was found to have used his whip down the shoulder in the forehand position with his hands off the reins after jumping the last flight. He will be suspended for 4 days from Tuesday 19 – Friday 22 November 2024, inclusive.

Panel:

Sam Angell (Chair)

Richard Fuller

Steven Drowne